

Dear FCC officials:I understand that the effect of NAB petition 04-160 would be to limit the ability of satellite radio to provide weather and traffic information. As a long-distance semi tractor hauler, I very much depend on that information as I look toward my destinations. I am not only able to access that information long before I reach a specific area, but, just as importantly, I don't have to search the radio dial for a local station that provides only sporadic information. You can appreciate the difficulty that a visitor would have finding a suitable station from all local stations. Couple that with the fact that reception will vary, and disappear, as we travel through the area. This is a safety issue as well as an issue that affects local congestion. By the time I locate a suitable station, I often am already committed to a route that is a disaster.

Satellite radio is one of the most important driver helps in the history of trucking. Please expand, rather than limit, the dimensions that you allow satellite radio to operate under.

Sincerely,

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